



Sandie Hawthorne

July 22, 1942 - March 26, 2025

Sandie Hawthorne, 82, of The Villages, FL, passed away peacefully on March 26th, 2025. She was the beloved wife of Jon Hawthorne and mom to Doug and Brad.

Sandie was born in Wood River, IL on July 22, 1942. She graduated from East Alton/Wood River high school and went north to Bloomington to become a theatre major at Illinois Wesleyan. There, she met and fell in love with Jon (a 3-sport athlete) and that led to a 60 year marriage.

Sandie started her professional career in Elmhurst, selling Real estate for Red Carpet, while Jon was coaching basketball and baseball at Elmhurst college.

The family then moved to Normal, IL where Sandie sold real estate for Armstrong, as well as Kaiser Realty, where she was a regular million-dollar seller.

For many years, one of Sandie's roles was a coach's wife and cheerleader for the boys and their many sports endeavors. And nobody did it better than mom.

Sandie and Jon moved to the villages in 2004 and she soon dove head-long into The Villages Musical Theatre Company, as well as The Villages Theatre

Company. Her list of outstanding productions is quite prolific and impressive:

Octet Bridge Club-2007

Bus Stop-2008

Annie Get Your Gun-2009

The Prisoner of Second Avenue-2009

A Trip To Bountiful-2010

Oklahoma-2011

A Nice Family Gathering-2011

Always Patsy Cline-2012

Carousel-2013

Music Man-2015

The Curious Savage-2016

Thoroughly Modern Milly-2017

Ghost Of A Chance-2017

South Pacific -2019

Villages Musical Theatre Member of the Year-2018

The Villages Theatre Company - awarded her a lifetime membership -2022

Old Hams-2024

For those who were fortunate to be guided on stage under her hand, you remember how much you learned in basic stagecraft, techniques in development of character and fine points in dialogue and movement. More than that, however, you remember kindness, professionalism, humor and a whole lot of energy.

Sandie was a board member of The Villages Musical Theatre and its' Chair for many years. She guided the group through many difficult decisions and policy changes. She was an absolute model of an efficient administrator who understood the needs of its members and worked very hard to insure great stage opportunities for its members.

Heaven has gained a beautiful Angel...an Angel that sings, dances, acts, directs, inspires, loves...the list goes on and on. Her memory will always live on in our hearts.

To see Sandie star in a play written for her about her life , look for "Come Fly With Me" on YouTube.

A viewing will take place on Saturday, April 5th, 2025 at Beyer's Funeral Home in Lady Lake at 3:00, with a service at 4:00PM.

Flowers can be sent to Beyers Funeral Home.

Donations can be made to one of Sandie's two favorite charities - Tunnel To Towers and St Jude Children's Hospital.

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 5. 3:00 PM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory - Lady Lake
134 N US Highway 441
Lady Lake, FL 32159
(352) 753-4444

Memorial Service

APR 5. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sandie Hawthorne*



Beyers Funeral Home - April 01, 2025 at 12:57 PM

JW

“ *Jeanne W. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Sandie Hawthorne.*



Jeanne W. - April 07, 2025 at 01:31 PM

WH

“ *Aunt Sandie was a beautiful lady inside and out! She was so welcoming from the moment we met some 40 years ago and she has been an inspiration since.
Her kindness and smile was infectious. She will be missed by her family and community!
Heaven has gained a beautiful angel.
Sending much love and sympathy to Jon, Doug and Brad!*

Widney Hawthorne - April 05, 2025 at 04:51 PM

MT

“*Mrs. Hawthorne was a true gem one of a kind. She will be sorely missed. I am incredibly fortunate to have known her. Peace to the Hawthornes’*

mitch turnbull - April 04, 2025 at 10:55 PM

JM

“*John & Lorry McIntyre purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sandie Hawthorne.*



John & Lorry McIntyre - April 03, 2025 at 12:07 PM

TF

“*Tevis family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sandie Hawthorne.*



Tevis family - April 02, 2025 at 10:24 PM

TF

“*Tevis family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sandie Hawthorne.*

Tevis family - April 02, 2025 at 10:24 PM

DW

“*Thinking of you Jon at this time of your loss. Will be praying for you and family. Dick and Marcia West*

Dick West - April 02, 2025 at 08:34 PM

JB

“ Dear Jon, my heart is still breaking ever since I read Sandie's obituary this morning in the Pantagraph. I know your grief is much more intense, but I'm glad your two sons will be there to support and help you. I'm sure she was the most courageous woman I've ever known. I still remember watching her play the lead in "Annie Get Your Gun" when she was still a student at IWU. And all those wonderful visits you shared with Judie and me in The Villages. We will never forget those special times. God bless my friend, God bless. Jim Bennett

Jim Bennett - April 02, 2025 at 11:58 AM

SB

“ Sandie was a Sweet Adeline (bass) who was always managed to stay upbeat--cheering us on even when illness forced her to retire from the group.

Sally Bailey - April 02, 2025 at 07:39 AM

BP

“ I was fortunate to have met Sandie in two states and two separate lives. I first knew her as a successful realtor as I grew up in the Bloomington/Normal area, in Downs, Illinois. Upon moving to the Villages, I met Sandie again when she came backstage after my first show and said, "I want to see that gal from Downs!" So good to see her again in a new hometown! After that, I was blessed to get to work with her on Curious Savage and Ghost of a Chance. Her smile, friendliness, and expertise will be missed. She was a treasure to all she met. May many family memories bring you comfort!

Barb Pearson - April 01, 2025 at 08:36 AM

DB

“ Sandie was my first director in my first VTC play after I moved here. And she was GREAT and I loved working for/with her. And since she was so great, I stayed with VTC for all these years and loved seeing her (and Jon too, of course) at all the VTC shows/events. And we had another bond since our daughter also has MS and Sandie and us often talked about our Donna.

Jon was a saint as her caregiver and he and the boys will certainly miss her--as will we all. We hope you all have many fond memories of your years together to give you strength now.

Warmly and fondly,

Richard and Janice Behrendt

Dr. Richard L. Behrendt - March 31, 2025 at 07:42 PM